MINUTES FOR NAPRA GENERAL MEETING JUNE 8th

I. Called to order by Ken, N7IPB, President at 1:21 PM at the BEARS Shack in Renton. There were 9 people present.

II. New Business

A. WWARA - The last meeting was Thursday night. The NAPRA representatives notified WWARA of our intention to stop efforts to pass Packet Coordination to them. They agreed. Some sideline discussions are going on regarding additional packet frequencies. Outside written comments are being sought and should be sent to Ken, N7IPB, or any NAPRA Board member.

B. Lockout on SEA and SEAW - In the future if problems like this arise, the matter can either be taken up at the next NAPRA Board of Directors meeting, a special BOD meeting can be called, or the BOD can be polled by phone.

C. 220 backbone on 220.95 MHz will be moved by August 1st.

Roger, K7ATC, auggested that a letter be sent to WWARA suggesting that they take a leadership role and adopt Peter, WA7FUS, proposed band plan and submit it to our neighbor states. Roger will draft a letter and submit it to the NAPRA BOD for approval and forwarding.

D. Packet Information Seminar - A free beginning and intermediate level seminar sponsored by Kantronics will be held on July 13th at the Seatac Holiday Inn. Registration starts at 8:30 AM and the first session starts at 9:00 AM. A bulletin was routed earlier.

E. Un-attended HF packet - Info from the Packet Forum at the Seaside Hamfest - Un-attended HF (30 MHz and lower) packet operation requires STA authorization. There are currently NO stations authorized in Washington State.

F. 440 Repeater - Ken, N7IPB, reported that the 440 repeater was not up yet. But it is working and has been on the air at his place for short tests.

G. G1EMM no longer is updating NOS software (this is important to TCP/IP wienies). Gerard Van Der Grinten PA0GRI has taken over the task. Roger K7AYC has a copy of NOS v.6.05 and says the RSPF function is working. Also he reports there are added capabilities to program function keys as strings. (I don't understand all this so I hope it makes sense). A few other improvements were discussed.

H. There may be a problem with a low power 440 transeiver (to talk to the 440 repeater) on BALDY. Ken will discuss it with Sammy.

J. Ken will be providing a MICOR to Jim,W7GPW, on Camino Island who will attempt to modify it for 9600 baud operation. We may then provide a Texnet modem to put together a complete package.

K. The suggestion was made that we obtain a GLB 9600 baud modem to test along with the TexNet modems.

L. We will be checking with Terry, N6RY, to see if he may be able to help

with future path analysis.

III. Meeting was adjourned at 2:36 PM

John, KA7TTY
Secretary